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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to let you know that I do not support building any portion of the canal around the Delta. I also believe that CALFED should not decide to build more dams, build more canals, or expand reservoirs until more aggressive water conservation practices have been mandated. Fresh water needs to flow into the San Francisco Bay if we are not going to permanently damage the bay ecosystem.

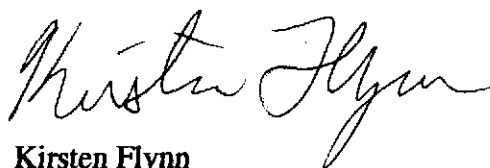
For me it is a matter of living within our means. Water in our state is a limited resource, just like my monthly paycheck, but the rivers don't give raises. We need to budget the resource wisely, so that both residential, agricultural and ecological needs are met.

Agriculture uses over 80% of the state's water supply. We need to switch to the most efficient growing technologies possible, so that the farms are living within their aquatic budget. I support farming and farmers, but their needs should not be met at the expense of the Bay and Delta environment. We have already endangered many aquatic species. I can not tolerate their extinction for fresh fruit.

Please mandate efficient use of water, and increased fresh water flow to the Bay. And please do not build the first third of a canal around the delta.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,



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